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## Challenge Nixon on CIA Shift

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WASHINGTON (CDN)—  
If the Central Intelligence Agency and allied units in the government have been inefficient or unresponsive, Sen. Symington (D-Mo.) wants to know how and why.

Symington, ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, also wants an explanation of why the appropriate Congressional committees were not consulted in advance of administrative changes in the intelligence operations announced by President Nixon last Friday.

A White House spokesman says there were consultations with key Congressional leaders before the changes were made. But Symington says that the CIA subcommittee of the armed services panel has not met this year.

Symington's challenge centered on the Administration's alleged failure to consult Congress. While he admitted that the changes might be "constructive," he posed several questions based on a White House press release that described the reorganization as an effort to improve the "efficiency and effectiveness" of all U. S. intelligence.

### Kissinger at Top

The reshuffling would provide an "enhanced leadership role" for the CIA's director and would place re-

sponsibility for making a net assessment of all available intelligence under Presidential advisor Henry A. Kissinger.

Symington asked in a statement on the Senate floor how the role of the CIA's director, Richard Helms, would be "enhanced" by the "creation of a new and obviously more powerful supervisory committee chaired by the advisor to the President for national security affairs."

The Senator also noted that the Attorney General and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff also will sit on the new committee. And he asked two questions:

"Has this new White House committee been given authority or/and responsibility which heretofore was the responsibility of the CIA, and which the Congress, under the National Security Act, vested in the agency?" And:

"How can the integrity of the intelligence product be assured when responsibility of intelligence analysis is taken out of the hands of career professionals and vested in a combination of military professionals and the White House staff?"

White House sources said that the reorganization gives Kissinger no additional authority and was basically designed to evaluate the product of the intelligence community better.